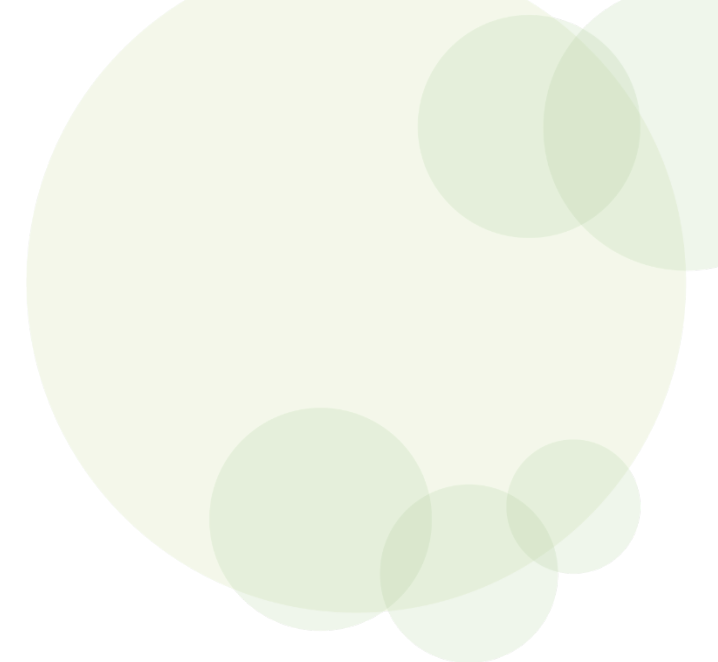




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Dedicated Efforts And Outcomes On Biodiversity Protection Within The Eu4Environment Result 4

Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Armenia

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The 2021-2026 Action Plan Of The Government Of The Republic Of Armenia

- ✓ Conservation, restoration, reproduction, development and reasonable use of the ecosystem balance and biodiversity of Lake Sevan
- ✓ Sustainable management of forests conservation, protection, use of forests and expansion of forested areas through forestation and forest restoration and ongoing strengthening of capacities for the implementation thereof
- ✓ Increasing the effectiveness of the management regimes and control mechanisms in specially protected nature areas, capacity-building of adjacent settlements
- ✓ Conserving biodiversity and ensuring biosafety, inventory of fauna and flora
- ✓ Improvement of the unified system for controlling and monitoring environmental protection

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EU-RA Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement

- approximation of national legislation in accordance with Directive 2009/147/EC on the conservation of wild birds, which will include the assessment of bird species requiring special conservation measures and regularly occurring migratory species, identification and designation of special protection areas for bird species, establishment of special conservation measures to protect regularly occurring migratory species,
- approximation of national legislation in accordance with Directive 92/43/EC on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora, which will include establishment of a general system of protection for wild bird species, preparation of inventory of sites, designation of these sites and establish priorities for their management, establishment of measures required for the conservation of such sites, including co-financing, establishment of a system to monitor conservation status of habitats and species, establishment of a strict species protection regime.

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Improvement of legislative framework

- Law “On Fauna” (2000)
- Law “On Specially Protected Natural Areas” (2006)
- Law “On hunting and hunting economy” (2007)
- **The Law “On Eco patrol Service” has been adopted 2023, which will come into force in 2024.**
 - ✓ a clear division of environmental and control functions in forests and specially protected natural areas
 - ✓ Ensuring 24/7 protection
 - ✓ carrying out proceedings in cases of administrative offenses and assigning penalties
 - ✓ reserving to employees the right to store and carry service weapons, special protective equipment
 - ✓ use of physical force against the offender
 - ✓ Identification and prevention of crime
 - ✓ ensuring safety rules, fire safety control

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Progress and achievements of the areas under Result 4

- Finalizing the review of the candidate Emerald sites which will include discussion with stakeholders,
- Recommendations for Guidelines for preparing management plans of Emerald sites
- Developing the National Action Plan to advance the establishment of the Emerald Network
- Initiate organization of capacity-building activities



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Progress and achievements of the areas under Result 4

Finalizing the review of the candidate Emerald sites which will include discussion with stakeholders

Next cycle of revision of the candidate Emerald sites
aimed at

- ✓ Increase of coverage of target species distribution ranges by candidate Emerald sites
- ✓ Increase of coverage of target habitats by candidate Emerald sites



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Progress and achievements of the areas under Result 4

Recommendations for Guidelines for preparing management plans of Emerald sites

- ✓ Develop the structure and guidelines for the management plans of Emerald sites in Armenia,
- ✓ Provide the Ministry of the Environment with the methodological elements required for drawing management plans,
- ✓ The Guidelines briefly address the process for developing a standalone full-scale Emerald Management Plans, which includes five preparation phases: Pre-planning, Preparatory, Situation analysis, Adaptive management plan, and Monitoring and review of the measures' implementation,
- ✓ Start the exercise on management plans for 2 pilot sites

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Progress and achievements of the areas under Result 4

Developing the National Action Plan to advance the establishment of the Emerald Network

- ✓ National Action Plan will provide a 7-year roadmap (2023-2030) and a comprehensive overview of activities that will help the Government of Armenia advance the establishment of the Emerald Network (from Phase I to Phase II and to Phase III).



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Progress and achievements of the areas under Result 4

Initiate organization of capacity-building activities

For all stakeholders

- ✓ Introduction to Emerald site conservation management and monitoring aspects

Webinar

- ✓ Using new methods and tools for biodiversity conservation, monitoring and reporting



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EU4Environment support and areas for consideration for the future

The major priorities are envisioned as:

- Increasing sustainability of the Emerald Network, through engaging the local communities
- Improve management of wild harvest, e.g. NTFPs
- Integrate actions for biodiversity and climate
- Introduce innovative financial mechanism for sustainable management of the Emerald Network



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Thank you for your attention



Regional endemic *Polyommatus ninae* will be protected thanks to the Emerald Network

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